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Dear Ms. Clark:

Enclosed please find a copy of the law which bans domestic dissemination of materials produced by this Agency. As I explained on the telephone, it may take further discussion to determine whether the ban applies to the materials produced under the grant.

Please feel free to call me to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,

Merry Lynn
Attorney Advisor

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fied private American individuals and agencies and such qualified individuals and agencies are available for the performance of such services; (2) that if such services are rendered by a Government agency, they shall demonstrate the technical accomplishments of the United States, such services being of an advisory, investigative, or instructional nature, or a demonstration of a technical process; (3) that such services shall not include the construction of public works or the supervision of the construction of public works, and that, under authority of this Act, a Government agency shall render engineering services related to public works only when the Secretary¹⁸ shall determine that the national interest demands the rendering of such services by a Government agency, but this policy shall not be interpreted to preclude the assignment of individual specialists as advisers to other governments as provided under title III of this Act, together with such incidental assistance as may be necessary for the accomplishment of their individual assignments.

TITLE V—DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNITED STATES ABROAD

GENERAL AUTHORIZATION

Sec. 501.²² The Secretary¹⁹ is authorized, when he finds it appropriate, to provide for the preparation, and dissemination abroad, of information about the United States, its people, and its policies, through press, publications, radio, motion pictures, and other information media, and through information centers and instructors abroad. Any such information (other than "Problems of Communism" and the "English Teaching Forum"²³ which may be sold by the Government Printing Office) shall not be disseminated within the United States, its territories, or possessions, but, on request, shall be available in the English language at the Department of State,²⁴ at all reasonable times following its release as information abroad, for examination only by representatives of United States press associations, newspapers, magazines, radio systems, and stations, and by research students and scholars, and, on request, shall be made available for examination only to Members of Congress.

POLICIES GOVERNING INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

Sec. 502.²⁴ In authorizing international information activities under this Act, it is the sense of the Congress (1) that the Secretary¹⁹ shall reduce such Government information activities whenever corresponding private information dissemination is found to

¹⁸ 22 U.S.C. 1461. The second sentence of sec. 501 was amended by sec. 204 of Public Law 92-352, 86 Stat. 493. It formerly read:

"Any such press release or radio script, on request, shall be available in the English language at the Department of State, at all reasonable times following its release as information abroad, for examination by representatives of United States press associations, newspapers, magazines, radio systems, and stations, and, on request, shall be made available to Members of Congress."

See also sec. 202 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 1979 (92 Stat. 972) which provides additional direction for the USIA. Entitled "Mission of the International Communication Agency" (since renamed the United States Information Agency), this provision is considered by the USIA as its "second mandate." See page 1122 for complete text of sec. 202.

¹⁹ The reference to the "English Teaching Forum" was added by sec. 208 of the ICA Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1980 and 1981 (Public Law 96-60: 93 Stat. 401).

²² 22 U.S.C. 1462.